

**NO ON PROPOSITION 98 CAMPAIGN - REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN
SUPPORT**

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
PROPOSITION 98

According to Secretary of State records, apartment and mobilehome park landlords paid MILLIONS to get this proposition on the ballot.

These landlords are trying the oldest political trick in the book - THE BAIT AND SWITCH. They want you to believe 98 is about eminent domain, but what they really want is to eliminate the most basic protections renters have against unfair landlords.

Here are some facts:

- Prop. 98 ELIMINATES RENT CONTROL. Landlords could raise rents as high as they want. Prop. 98 allows rents that are well above fair-- it sanctions rent gouging where rentals are in short supply.
- 98 WIPES OUT BASIC PROTECTIONS FOR *ALL* RENTERS, including laws requiring fair return of rental deposits, and laws protecting renters against unfair evictions.
- 98 IS BAD FOR TAXPAYERS. In their own arguments above, the landlords admit that rent control laws "help the elderly, poor, disabled, veterans, students and others." But they argue, instead, that taxpayers should pay for more subsidized housing and rental assistance.

**SUBJECT TO COURT
ORDERED CHANGES**

PROPOSITION

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Boiled down, the landlords want to pass 98 so they can raise rents as high as they want. And they want us, taxpayers, to pay for it.

- 98's EMINENT DOMAIN PROVISIONS ARE DEEPLY FLAWED.

Prop. 98's supposed eminent domain provisions are so poorly drafted that they will lead to frivolous lawsuits, more bureaucracy and red tape, and actually hurt homeowners and all property owners.

Reject the landlords' attack on renters and our communities.

Vote NO on Prop. 98.

Visit www.NoProp98.org

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